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In re Application of

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Application No.: 09/649,975

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Docket No.: RCA 88391A

For:

Upgradable On-Screen Display System

DECISION ON

PETITION UNDER

37 CFR 1.137(b)

This is a decision on the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed on December 5, 2006.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application became abandoned as of midnight on June 19, 2002 for failure to timely reply to the final Office action mailed on December 19, 2001. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on August 27, 2002. A petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was filed on January 13, 2005. In a decision mailed on November 16, 2006, said petition was dismissed without prejudice because

Although the petition is accompanied by an amendment, petitioner is not entitled by right to entry of said amendment because a final rejection has been mailed in this application. The examiner of record, Huy Nguyen, has indicated that the amendment filed on January 13, 2005 would not be entered (see the attached Advisory Action). As such, petitioner has not filed the "required reply" to the outstanding final Office action. See 37 CFR 1.135(b). In the absence of the required reply to the final Office action mailed on December 19, 2001, it would be inappropriate to grant the requested relief at this time.

The instant renewed petition is accompanied by the required reply in the form of a Request for Continued Examination (and fee). As all of the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) have now been satisfied, the petition is granted.

It is noted that the duplicate \$1500.00 petition fee under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed on December 5, 2006, is not required; therefore, it is being refunded to counsel's Deposit Account No. 07-0832.

This application is being referred to Technology Center 2615 for continued processing.

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